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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gene Stellon, et al

Divisional of Serial No.: 09/526,837

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For:

TROCAR SYSTEM AND METHOD OF USE

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Asst. Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the [x] utility [] design patent application in this case including:

1. This application is a [] Continuation; Divisional
[] Continuation in Part of prior application Serial No. 09/526,837 filed on
March 16, 2000.
2. This application claims priority from Provisional Application No.
, filed _____.
3. The application consisting of 18 pages (including specification, claims and abstract).
4. 13 sheet(s) of drawings is enclosed. The drawings are:
 - a. formal; or
 - b. informal; formal drawings will be submitted in due course.
5. A signed declaration and power of attorney from the parent application is enclosed.

6. [] A declaration and power of attorney is not enclosed at this time since it has not been executed by the inventor(s). A signed declaration and power of attorney will be submitted in due course.

The inventors are: Gene A. Stellon, David C. Racenet, Ralph A. Stearns and Adam Lehman.

7. [x] A copy of the Recorded Assignment of the invention from the parent application to United States Surgical Corporation, a division of Tyco Healthcare Group LP. is enclosed

8. [x] Please cancel claims 1-10 as originally filed before calculating the filing fee.

9. [x] The Application filing fee is calculated below.

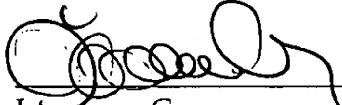
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Respectfully submitted,

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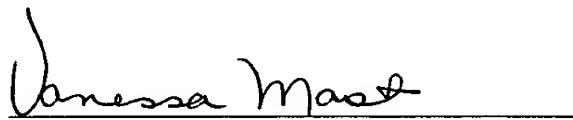
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